

**Moore County Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Moore County Agriculture Building, Carthage, NC**

**September 10, 2014, 2:00 p.m.**

**Moore County Transportation Committee Meeting Attendees**

Jimmy Melton, Moore County Commissioner

Pat Ann McMurray, Aberdeen Town Board

Debra Ensminger, Moore County Planning

Jeremy Rust, Moore County Planning

Adam Lindsay, Town of Southern Pines

Chris Kennedy, Town of Southern Pines

Jim Simeon, Southern Pines Town Council

Kathy Liles, Town of Carthage

Steve Durham, Foxfire Village Council

Matt Day, Triangle Area Regional Planning Organization

Carol Lucas, Town of Cameron

Marty C. Tilman, NCDOT – Division 8

Darius Sturdivant, NCDOT – Division 8

James T. Garner, NCDOT – Division 8

Scott Walston, NCDOT – Transportation Planning Branch

Cheryl Collins, NCDOT - Transportation Planning Branch

Rhett Fussell, Parsons Brinckerhoff

Craig Gresham, Clearbox

Earl Ingram, Moore County citizen

Stephen Later, Walthour Moss Foundation

John L. Monroe, Small Area Plan

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The MCTC meeting was held to give an update to the committee members of the continual progress that has been made with the steps toward the start of the Moore County Comprehensive Transportation Plan. NCDOT representatives gave a review of what a comprehensive transportation plan is while Parsons Brinckerhoff provided an overview of the actual travel demand model that has been developed for the project.

The presentation highlighted:

- The basics of travel demand modeling
- The purpose of a model;
- What the model does and does not do well.

It was also shown how the socio-economic data that was collected by the MCTC and local planning staff was incorporated in to the model. Also, consultants showed that the model is performing as expected. Parsons Brinckerhoff also reiterated that no model can reproduce reality perfectly and that professional judgment is needed in order to interpret the results of any model.

In closing NCDOT explained that the data would be used to:

- Help estimate how long current conditions can accommodate growing traffic
- Help estimate how long future conditions can accommodate growing traffic
- Assist with long range transportation network alternatives for the future growth.

It was noted that *growing traffic* and *future growth* are based on local data and land-use plans. It was asked by Commissioner Melton when more detailed numbers from the model would be given. More details including 2030 deficiencies, 2040 deficiencies, along with traffic simulations will be covered in public involvement meetings which are estimated to be held late 2014 or early 2015. Coordination for those meetings will be made with the Moore County Planning Staff.